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Office of the Secretary **Federal Communications Commission** 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Subject: Rural Task Force

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The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby nominates Mr. Adam M. Golodner for membership on the Rural Task Force. Mr. Golodner is the Deputy Administrator of the RUS.

The RUS, an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), has promoted and facilitated universal service for almost 50 years through a combination of policy making, technical innovation and financial assistance. Having worked to provide universal service in some of the nation's most rural areas, RUS knows rural America and the challenges that face rural Americans and rural telephone providers. The RUS' advocacy for universal service has continued as RUS has filed comments with the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) on universal service issues thirteen times since the passage of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Mr. Golodner has directed the preparation of these comments, and is largely responsible for the active RUS role in the universal service rulemaking proceedings.

Mr. Golodner is one of USDA's representatives on the Vice President's National Information Infrastructure Task Force and serves on the Telecommunications Policy, Applications and other working groups of the Task Force. He is also a non-voting member of the Communications Committee of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners. He has testified at the Commission as an expert on rural universal service, education, and health care issues.

Prior to public service, Mr. Golodner practiced law in Denver, Colorado, where he was a partner with a major law firm.

Mr. Golodner holds the following degrees:

B.A., 1981, The Colorado College - Cum Laude; Pi Gamma Mu; Blue Key J.D., 1985, University of Colorado Law School, Articles Editor, Law Review

We suggest that Mr. Golodner be considered for Category 7 membership of the Rural Task Force

Dated: 10/15/97

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The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) hereby nominates Mr. Orren E. Cameron III for membership on the Rural Task Force. Mr. Cameron is the Director of the RUS Telecommunications Standards Division.

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Mr. Cameron has been the lead author of these RUS comments. He has followed the development of proxy cost models closely, has attended the Commission's weekly meetings on non-rural LEC model development, and has filed four ex parte presentations on model development on behalf of RUS. Mr. Cameron has represented the RUS on the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Staff Subcommittee on Communications since November 1996, and has made presentations to the Subcommittee comparing the performance of proxy models to those costs experienced by RUS-financed LECs. Mr. Cameron would bring the substantial rural experience of the RUS to the Rural Task Force.

Mr. Cameron has been with the RUS for 27 years. Six of those years, from 1974 to 1980, he was a Telecommunications Field Engineer in Louisiana. From 1980 to 1994 he served as Engineering Branch Chief for RUS' Southwest, Northwest, and Northeast Areas. Since 1994, Mr. Cameron has been the Director of the Telecommunications Standards Division. In this position, he conducted RUS Telecommunications Symposia in 1995 and

1997 which were attended by over 1,400 representatives of rural telephone service providers, and served as the RUS representative to the T-1 Telecommunications Standards Committee.

Mr. Cameron graduated from Vanderbilt University with a Bachelors in Electrical Engineering in 1970. He has been a registered professional engineer since 1976.

We suggest that Mr. Cameron be considered for Category 7 membership of the Rural Task Force.

Dated:

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Administrator